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SUBJECT: ARRESTS OF STUDENT LEADERS AND INTELLECTUALS

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1. DEFENSE AUTHORITIES ANNOUNCED JAN 18 THAT EIGHTEEN INTELLECTUALS AND STUDENT LEADERS HAVE BEEN HELD FOR QUESTIONING IN CONNECTION WITH JAKARTA RIOTS. NAMES INCLUDE PROMINENT ATTORNEY BUYUNG NASUTION, FORMER SOCIALIST PARTY NGAIRMAN SUBADIO, ECONOMIC PROFESSOR SARBINI AND ALL OTHERS MENTIONED REFTEL EXCEPT MOCHTAR LUBIS (WHO AS NOTED PREVIOUSLY IS ABROAD AT THIS TIME). GENERAL SUMITRO SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD PRESS THAT RESULTS OF INTERROGRATION WOULD BE REVEALED "LATER."

2. AMBASSADOR RECEIVED COMMERCIAL CABLE FROM SENATOR ALAN CRANSTON DATED JAN 19 TEXT AS FOLLOWS: "AM INFORMED BUYUNG NASUTION, LAWYER, MEMBER OF INTERNATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION, HAS BEEN ARRESTED IN JAKARTA. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS ON HIS BEHALF." EMBASSY HAS ALSO RECEIVED CABLE FROM CHAIRMAN OF AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION RIGHT TO LEGAL SERVICES COMMITTEE EARL JOHNSON, JR STATING HE "APPALLED" AT NASUTION DETENTION AND URGING "YOUR
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STRONGEST EFFORTS AND PROTEST TO EFFECT HIS IMMEDIATE RELEASE."

3. MEMBER OF NASUTION'S STAFF CONFIRMED JAN 21 THAT HE STILL BEING HELD, WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN. EMBASSY INTENDS WITHHOLDING REPLY TO SENATOR CRANSTON AND MR JOHNSON FOR 24 HOURS OR SO WHILE FURTHER EFFORTS MADE TO OBTAIN MORE PRECISE INFORMATION.

4. IN ADDITION TO THOSE MENTIONED REFTEL JAN 17, DETAINEES INCLUDE GURMILANG (UNKNOWN); SALIM HUTAJULU (UNKNOWN); MARDIANTO UNKNOWN; SISGENG SARYADI ("GENERATION OF 66" STUDENT LEADER); H PRINCEN (PERENNIAL PROTECTOR OF DUTCH ORIGIN ALREADY REPORTED DETAINED BEFORE THE TANAKA RIOTS); HARIMANISIREGAR (CHAIRMAN OF UNIVERSITY OF INDONESIA STUDENT COUNCIL ALSO PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ARRESTED); TEO SAMBUAGA (STUDENT LEADER); YUSUF AR (HIGH SCHOOL ACTION FRONT LEADER); AND JESSY MONINGKA ("GENERAL OF 66" STUDENT ACTIVIST).

5. COMMENT: AUTHORITIES SAY ARRESTS ARE PART OF EFFORT TO UNRAVEL CAUSES OF RECENT DISTURBANCES, AN EFFORT WHICH MUST BE REGARDED AS WHOLLY UNDERSTANDABLE EVEN THOUGH DETENTIONS NO DOUBT ALSO INTENDED TO INTIMIDATE CRITICS. DETENTIONS HAVE BEEN DIRECTED MAINLY AGAINST FORMER STUDENT LEADERS AND INTELLECTUALS (ESPECIALLY THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH THE BANNED INDONESIAN SOCIALIST PARTY OR PSI WHO OVER PAST YEAR HAVE UNDOUBTEDLY GIVEN MORAL ENCOURAGEMENT AND INTELLECTUAL SUPPORT TO STUDENT PROTEST MOVEMENT. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT STUDENT PROTEST SPARKED RIOTS OF JAN 15-16, AUTHORITIES CAN CLAIM WITH SOME CREDIBILITY TO BE INTERESTED IN TRACING JUST HOW FAR THE INVOLVEMENT OF INTELLECTUALS WENT. THIS IS PROBABLY ONLY THE BEGINNING OF AN INTENSIVE ROUND OF INVESTIGATION WHICH MAY BRING MANY MORE DETENTIONS. EMBOFF INFORMED BY KNOWLEDGABLE GOLKAR SOURCE THAT IN CASES INVOLVING POSSIBLE SUBVERSION, FORTY-EIGHT HOUR LEGAL LIMIT ON DETENTION MENTIONED PARA 4 REFTEL DOES NOT APPLY AND SUSPECTS MAY BE HELD INDEFINITELY. HOWEVER, WE REMAIN HOPEFUL THAT (IN CONFORMANCE WITH RECENT PATTERN IN INDONESIA) DETENTIONS WILL BE NO MORE THAN FEW DAYS AND CONDITIONS OF QUESTIONING CIVILIZED.

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